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SUBJECT: ECLA EXCLUSION OF U.S. AND OTHER DC'S

1. BEGINNING FOUR YEARS AGO (14TH PLENARY, SANTIAGO) WITH
CREATION OF HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT EXPERTS COMMITTEE ON
REVIEW AND APPRAISAL, LATIN MEMBERS OF ECLA HAVE
MANEUVERED TO BAR U.S. AND OTHER DC MEMBERS FROM THE
COMMISSION'S WORKING LEVEL DELIBERATIONS. MORE RECENTLY,
DURING THE UNIDO PREPARATORY MEETING AND MEETING ON SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY IN MEXICO CITY LAST DECEMBER AND AGAIN AT
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THE SEMINAR ON THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT IN
CARACAS LAST MONTH, ECLA LATIN GOVERNMENTS AND THE
SECRETARIAT COMBINED TO ELIMINATE U.S. REPS FROM EFFECTIVE
PARTICIPATION IN DRAFTING COMMITTEES. LATIN REPS HAVE MADE

CLEAR THAT THE OBJECT OF THESE EFFORTS IS TO ENABLE LATIN GOVERNMENTS TO COUNCIL TOGETHER WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPED COUNTRY MEMBERS OF ECLA (U.S.; UK, CANADA, FRANCE AND NETHERLANDS).

2. U.S. HAS OPPOSED EXCLUSION FROM DELIBERATIONS OF COMMISSION'S SUB-BODIES ON GROUNDS THAT IS IS AN UNALTERABLE RIGHT OF MEMBERSHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL LEVELS OF DISCUSSION AND ACTIVITIES. WE OPPOSED CREATION OF THE LATIN-ONLY COMMITTEE OF HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT EXPERTS IN

1971. THE U.S. VOTED NO ON THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ON COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE BUT JOINED THE CONSENSUS FOR ADOPTION, REQUESTING THAT ITS OBJECTIONS BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT OF THE MEETING. U.S. ALSO HAS OPPOSED EXCLUSION IN MORE RECENT INSTANCES. AT RECENT 16TH PLENARY IN PORT OF SPAIN, U.S. SUCCESSFULLY OPPOSED CREATION OF EXCLUSIVE STANDING COMMITTEES AND OPPOSED INTERIM SOLUTION OF PLACING RESPONSIBILITIES OF THESE PROPOSED COMMITTEES UNDER HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT EXPERTS COMMITTEE. LATTER ARRANGEMENT CARRIED OVER OPPOSITION OF UNITED STATES DELEGATION.

3. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT LATINS MAY MOVE AGAIN AT HABITAT PREPARATORY MEETING TO BAR DEVELOPED COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES (I.E. DRAFTING). WHILE U.S. DOES NOT OBJECT TO SUCH GROUPS OR COMMITTEES BEING COMPOSED OF LESS THAN THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP, IT DOES OPPOSE DIVIDING UP ALONG DEVELOPED/DEVELOPING COUNTRY LINES OR ALONG LATIN/NON-LATIN LINES. U.S. REP MAY APPROACH CHAIRMAN OR SECRETARIAT IN EARLY HOURS OF MEETING TO INQUIRE ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT AD HOC COMMITTEE OR OTHER SUB-BODY MAY BE CREATED TO ASSIST IN WORK OF MEETING. ALSO AS REPRESENTATIVE OF HOST COUNTRY FOR WORLD CONFERENCE, CANADIAN DEL MAY BE BETTER INFORMED THAN MOST ABOUT THIS AND OTHER ISSUES THAT MAY ARISE AT REGIONAL MEETING.

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4. U.S. POSITION: U.S. DEL SHOULD NOTE ANY MOVE TO CREATE AD HOC SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND THE PROPOSED COMPOSITION. IF PROPOSAL IS MADE TO LIMIT SUB-BODY TO LATIN MEMBERS OR DEVELOPING COUNTRY MEMBERS, U.S. DEL SHOULD REGISTER OBJECTION WITH SECRETARIAT AND AS APPROPRIATE, IN PLENARY AND INFORM DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY. IF U.S. DEL IS UNABLE TO PERSUADE OTHER MEMBERS TO ACCEPT COMPOSITION REPRESENTATIVE OF ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF ECLA, USDEL SHOULD CALL FOR VOTE AND VOTE NO ON CREATION OF EXCLUSIVE BODY. KISSINGER

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